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Attorney General Obtains Temporary Injunction Order Against Purveyor of Purported Cures to Cancer and HIV/AIDS

Circuit Court Judge Barbara Haynes today granted the State's request to temporarily enjoin an individual from claiming to offer the cure for cancer, HIV/AIDS, and all "terrible diseases" and promoting such "services" on the Internet from Nashville, TN. The website is located at www.spiripathologyhealing.com.

Tennessee Attorney General Bob Cooper, acting on behalf of the Department of Health and the Division of Consumer Affairs, sued Oludare Samuel Olomoshua, who claimed to be a doctor, a cancer and HIV/AIDS specialist, and a Ph.D. The suit also names Wisdomite Spiripathology Healing and Music Mission, Inc. which is registered in Tennessee as a not-for-profit corporation. Defendant Olomoshua acts as president of the not-for-profit.

As part of the lawsuit, the Attorney General sought a temporary injunction to stop the alleged law violations including representing that Olomoshua is a medical doctor and a cancer and HIV/AIDS specialist, making unsubstantiated claims about his products ability to cure individuals of illnesses, and offering an illusory money back guarantee. The Court urged the Attorney General's Office to quickly bring any potential violations of the court order to her attention. The Court held in its order it is likely the State will succeed at trial and further ordered the defendants to turn over patient records to the Department of Health.

"We are pleased with the Court's ruling today," Attorney General Cooper said. "Today's action will prevent this purveyor of false hope from practicing medicine in Tennessee without a license. The Department of Health will be contacting Mr. Olomoshua's patients to inform them he is not a licensed medical doctor and to encourage them to seek medical treatment from a licensed professional."

"We appreciate the Court's ruling, which supports the Department of Health's mission to protect the health of Tennessee citizens," said Health Licensure and Regulation Assistant Commissioner Judy Eads. "In the coming days, Department staff will be in touch with patients of Mr. Olomoshua's. In the meantime, these individuals can contact the Department of Health at 1-800-852-2187 for more information or assistance."

Mary Clement, director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, added, "When a consumer is experiencing the pain of a life threatening illness, often times he or she is more likely to be influenced by these types of therapies. Aside from the physical trauma, consumers should never have to experience the emotional pain after discovering that the therapy they chose is indeed not substantiated."

The State wants to thank Dr. Susan Smith of the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center at Cool Springs for providing her expert assistance in this case.

Consumers who have sought treatment from Olomoshua or other purveyors of unsubstantiated cures to diseases should contact the Division of Consumer Affairs at 1-800-342-8385 (toll-free inside Tennessee) or (615) 741-4737. Consumers can report similar problems to the Department of Health by calling the Office of Investigations at 1-800-852-2187.

For more information on the lawsuit and today's court ruling, please visit the Tennessee Attorney General website at www.attorneygeneral.state.tn.us